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NITROSYLATED PROTEIN, THEIR METHOD OF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly delete claim 6.

Kindly amend claims 3-5 and 9-14:

- 3. (Amended) The antibody in [Claims 1 or 2] <u>Claim 1</u>, recognizing specifically a nitrosylated albumin.
- 4. (Amended) The antibody in [any one of Claims 1 to 3] <u>Claim 1</u>, characterized by the fact that it is a polyclonal antibody.
- 5. (Amended) The antibody in [any one of Claims 1 to 3] <u>Claim 1</u>, characterized by the fact that it is a monoclonal antibody.

